

### ABSTRACT

A variable alignment zipper (10) having a rib and groove interlocking means. The male interlocking profile (16) has a plurality of male ribs (26, 30, 32), each formed with a double-barbed end section. The male interlocking profile (16) is  
5 interlockable with a female interlocking profile (20), where the female interlocking profile (20) includes grooves (64, 68) formed by a plurality of male ribs (44, 48, 52). By varying the interlocking relationship of the male ribs (26, 30, 32) of the male interlocking profile (16) with the grooves (64, 68) of the female interlocking profile (20), the variable alignment zipper can align in any one of four positions for closure.